

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING
10-23-03**

7:00 P.M.

6:00 PM: WORKSHOP - Signage & 2004 Budget

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nixon at 7:02 PM.

Council Present: Julie Benjamin, Mark Cole, Tom Loutsis, Jeffrey Possinger,
Mayor Nixon

Staff Present: Steve Schuller, Dianne Nelson, Bruce Disend, Lara Thomas,
Jodee Schwinn

I. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll in the amount of \$98,416.29; Claims in the amount of \$238,461.28; and excusing the absence of Councilmember Pat Fullmer, she is absent due to a medical condition. Under Council add: Councilmember Jeffrey Possinger.

II. Comments from the Audience:

Dustin Kleider, 15231 277 Pl NE, Duvall, representing a group of neighborhood homeowners is looking to partner with the City to transform a storm detention vault into a sport court and neighborhood park. He distributed a proposal detailing their idea and a plan of action. The group is willing to provide basic maintenance of the park and provide the majority of installation, and is asking City to provide the funding.

Jan Weekes, 27410 NE 153 Pl, Duvall, member of the Duvall Arts Commission, said the City has an opportunity to develop a strategic cultural plan with the assistance of the professional services of Patrick Overton. She emphasized that a cultural plan would integrate and facilitate all of the goals that are in the visioning plan with regards to the arts in the community. The Duvall Arts Commission is requesting \$5,000 out of the 2004 budget to develop a strategic plan and \$5,000 out of the 2005 budget to allow the Duvall Arts Commission to apply to the NEA for a \$10,000 matching grant to develop a Valley-wide cultural plan.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Was moved and seconded (Benjamin-Loutsis) to approve the consent agenda which included Payroll in the amount of \$98,416.29; Claims in the amount of \$238,461.28; the Council Meeting Minutes of 10/9/03; and excusing the absences of Councilmembers Pat Fullmer (due to a medical condition), and Will Ibershof and Greg Von Tobel (they are out of town). Carried. (4 ayes).

IV. Presentation: *None*

V. Scheduled Items:

1. Mayor: Mayor Nixon addressed some of the flooding issues that occurred earlier in the week. She emphasized that NE 124th Street is a county road and is not in the city limits of Duvall. She encouraged residents to contact King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert to pressure the county to have the road raised. The Mayor also reported that she recently met with other local mayors and everyone is suffering right now. She said all cities are going to need to look at other ways of doing business. Also, at some point, citizens will need to decide what services are important to them and what services they are willing to pay for.

2. Committee Reports:

a. Economic & Community Development Committee: Councilmember Julie Benjamin announced that the Holiday Tree Lighting is scheduled for Friday, November 21st, at 6:30 p.m. She said a community choir is also being organized for the event.

b. Public Works Committee: Councilmember Mark Cole reported the Committee has been working on drafting a professional services contract to hire a consultant to manage the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

c. Community Safety Committee: Councilmember Jeffrey Possinger said that a tentative agreement between King County and the surrounding cities is still in the works regarding the court services and the situation is basically in a holding pattern right now.

Councilmember Julie Benjamin reported that she spoke with Chief Merryman earlier. The police department is assisting 20,000 cars through the intersection at the Woodinville-Duvall Bridge and Main Street during the flooding and closure of NE 124th Street. She encouraged anyone able to adjust his or her schedule to do so. She also asked that commuters who find themselves stuck in the backup to please be patient.

d. Finance & Administration Committee: Dianne Nelson reported in Councilmember Pat Fullmer's absence. The Committee is currently reviewing the budget on a line-by-line basis. Also, two issues that were discussed in more detail are the W.R.E.C.K. Center's request for \$35,000 and a \$10,000 request by the Duvall Arts Commission for a Cultural Activities Strategic Plan.

e. Public Outreach Committee: Councilmember Mark Coke reported that the Committee met and discussed the recent Town Hall Meetings and are discussing more Town Hall Meetings to be held next year.

3. Council:

a. Councilmember Jeffrey Possinger commented on the proposal for a joint park project

that was brought forward earlier in the meeting by the homeowners of Taylor Heights. He said he was encouraged by their bringing a plan forward and by the level of community involvement.

Councilmember Possinger also commented on the recent vandalism that has been occurring in town. He said it comes down to people not respecting other people's property rights. He finds it very disturbing that kids are doing this and believes as a community we should officially and unofficially be talking about it and letting everybody know it is not acceptable.

4. Staff:

a. Steve Schuller, Public Works Director, distributed a draft Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction Management Contract Summary. He will be bringing a contract forward for authorization at the next council meeting.

b. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, reported that she has received both audit reports from the state auditor. The City fared very well in both finance and compliance.

VI. Public Hearing: Public Hearing on 2004 Revenue Sources and consideration of possible property tax increase.

7:34 pm: The Public Hearing was opened.

Dianne Nelson explained the purpose of the Public Hearing as required by RCW 84.55.120. The 2004 Preliminary Budget proposes a 1% property tax increase as allowed by State Law. Although a 1% increase is proposed, the total levy amount is decreased due to the sunset of the Police Levy Lid Lift that had been voted in previously.

There were no public comments.

7:36 pm: The Public Hearing was closed.

Public Hearing: Public Hearing on SPR03-001 the City of Duvall Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

7:36 pm: The Public Hearing was opened.

Lara Thomas, Assistant City Planner, reviewed for the record the City of Duvall Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade; Site Plan/Design Review SPR03-001.

There were no public comments.

7:41 pm: The Public Hearing was closed.

Public Hearing: **Public Hearing on Ordinance #982 Establishing a One Year Moratorium on the filing of Applications for Certain Land Development Activities and Declaring an Emergency.**

7:42 pm: The Public Hearing was opened.

There were no comments.

7:43 pm: The Public Hearing was closed.

VII. New Business:

1. (AB03-62) Resolution #03-21 Approving Site Plan Review Application SPR03-001 Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. *Was moved and seconded (Loutsis-Benjamin) to approve Resolution #03-21 approving Site Plan Review Application SPR03-001 Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. Carried. (4 ayes).*

VIII. Executive Session: 10 Minutes - Potential Litigation

7:44 pm. The Council Chambers were cleared for a 10-minute Executive Session on Potential Litigation.

7:54 pm. The regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

IX. Adjournment:

Was moved and seconded (Benjamin-Possinger) to adjourn. Carried. (4 ayes).
Meeting Adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Signed _____
Mayor Becky Nixon

Attest _____
Jodee Schwinn, City Clerk